



# JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

BOX 64044

CAMP H. M. SMITH, HAWAII 96861-4044

Vụ số 1273-0-01

Tờ Tường Thuật

Vào ngày 6 tháng 9 năm 1968, Đại úy SAMUEL M. DEICHELMANN đã lái chiếc máy bay O-1F (số hiệu 57-2871) từ sân bay Biên Hòa tới Tuy Hòa, tỉnh Phú Yên. Đường bay dự kiến là qua Phan Thiết và dọc theo bờ biển Tuy Hòa.

Khoảng 15 phút sau khi cất cánh, Đại úy DEICHELMANN liên lạc vô tuyến điện là ông ta sẽ tới Phan Thiết lúc 0810 giờ và vịnh Cam Ranh lúc 0940 giờ. Cuộc vô tuyến điện liên lạc lần cuối này với Đại úy DEICHELMANN xảy ra trong phạm vi của tọa độ YS960990, khoảng 50 cây số phía tây tây nam của Phan Thiết và 2 cây số phía đông bắc của ấp Đa Mài (2), tỉnh Bình Thuận.

Sau đây là những chi tiết liên quan:

Họ và tên: DEICHELMANN, SAMUEL MACKALL

Cấp bậc: Đại úy, Không quân Mỹ

Ngày sinh: 24 tháng 9 năm 1938

Chủng tộc: Da trắng

Chiều cao: 1.83 mét

Cân nặng: 66.6 kí

Màu tóc: Vàng

Màu mắt: Xanh

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BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 9 AUGUST 1993

### BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

REFNO: 1274-1-01 (ACCNO 0230)  
Name: NAME

Status: (7) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED  
Date Status assigned: 7 Apr 1977

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	\$
Service	ARMY	Sex	MALE	Blood type	A #
Grade	E6	Hair	BLOND	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN		Eyes	BLUE	Weapon	#
Serial No	DATA	Height	72 in / 1.83 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date		Weight	165 lb / 74.7 kg	Duty pos	OFF DUTY
Home State	OHIO	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	#

### SITE INFORMATION

	INCIDENT LOCATION (0)	LAST KNOWN LOCATION (1)
Site Type:	GROUND SITE	
UTM:	48PXS946989	48PXT105265
Lat/Long:	105028N / 1064649E	110540N / 1060043E
Country:	SOUTH VIETNAM	CAMBODIA
Military Region:	3	1
Mission Province:	HO CHI MINH	SVAY RIENG
(formerly):		
Mission District:	THU DUC	
Mission Date:	8 Sep 1968	
Mission Category:	1	3
Local Analysis:	None.	Populated area.

### JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY

Folders Passed: Jan 92, Nov 89, Oct 89, Mar 89  
Investigations: Jun 92, Dec 92, Jun 89, Oct 89, Feb 92, Jan 93, Jun 93  
Surveys: Dec 92  
Vessey Case: ONE  
Case type: DISCREPANCY

### VEHICLE DATA

Vehicle Type:	GRND	Serial:	\$
Crash Type:	None	Engine Type:	\$
Call Sign:	\$	1 Serial:	\$
Year:	\$	2 Serial:	\$

### SPECIAL CHARACTER KEY

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=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

11 November 1974

ON 8 SEPTEMBER 1968 NAME WAS VISITING A VIETNAMESE FAMILY RESIDING AT 655 CU KIEN THIET VILLAGE; IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES (GC) XS 946 989, THU DUC DISTRICT, GIA DINH PROVINCE, SOUTH VIETNAM. AT ABOUT 2200 HOURS A PLATOON OF THE THU DUC DISTRICT UNIT CAME TO THE HOUSE DURING A SEARCH FOR FORMER VIET CONG WHO HAD DEFECTED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM, AND ABDUCTED HIM. NAME WAS WEARING CIVILIAN CLOTHES AT THE TIME OF HIS ABDUCTION. THE VIET CONG TOOK HIM TO A PAGODA IN PHONG PHU, (NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED), WHERE HE WAS TURNED OVER TO A SPECIAL ACTION GROUP AND TAKEN TO AN UNKNOWN LOCATION. (REF 1 & 2)

ON 10 SEPTEMBER 1968 IT WAS REPORTED THAT NAME WAS BEING HELD IN THE ONG THANG SWAMP IN THE VICINITY OF (GC) XS 965 975. THE NEXT REPORTED KNOWLEDGE OF NAME WAS ON 6 JANUARY 1969 WHEN A SOUTH VIETNAMESE SOURCE STATED HE HAD LEARNED FROM AN INDIVIDUAL THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL'S BROTHER, WHO WAS A VIET CONG REAR SERVICE POSTAL CLERK, HAD TOLD HIM OF SEEING THE NAME NAME WITH THE DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION "SERGEANT, MILITARY POLICE, U.S. ARMY" ON A ROSTER AT A TEMPORARY SCREENING AND INTERROGATION CENTER FOR U.S. POW'S IN THE VICINITY OF (GC) XT 105 255, SVAY TEAP DISTRICT, SVAY RIENG PROVINCE, CAMBODIA.

NAME HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO THIS CAMP ON OR ABOUT 25 SEPTEMBER (1968) FROM GIA DINH PROVINCE, SOUTH VIETNAM, AND HAD BEEN WEARING CIVILIAN CLOTHES WHEN HE ARRIVED. HE WAS LAST KNOWN TO BE IN THIS CAMP ON 4 JANUARY 1969. IN APRIL 1969 A REFUGEE REPORTED SEEING A SKULL SITTING ATOP A CUT OFF TREE IN THE FOREST NEAR CHUOI NUOC HAMLET. THIS REPORT POSSIBLY CORRELATES TO NAME (REF 3, 4 & 5)

ADO COMMENT-- NUMEROUS VISITS TO THE CAPTURE SITE IN AN ATTEMPT TO CONFIRM CIRCUMSTANCES OF CAPTURE AND TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL DETAILS MET WITHOUT SUCCESS. NO OFFICIAL OR PERSON IN THE AREA WOULD ADMIT KNOWLEDGE OF THE INCIDENT. SOME VILLAGERS TOLD RURAL DEVELOPMENT CADREMEN THEY RECALLED AN M.P. AND A GIRL BUT DIDN'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM. THE PROVINCE CHIEF AND TWO PARTY JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION WERE GIVEN DETAILS OF THIS CASE. PUBCOM WAS DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT THE AREA, BUT THERE WERE NO RESULTS. IN NOVEMBER 1974, A SOURCE REPORTED TO AD

(SOURCE WAS REFERED TO ADO, MR-IV, AFTER HE REPORTED TO ADO, MR III, KNOWLEDGE OF A SCORE OF AMERICAN GRAVES IN THE DELTA, AND OFFERED TO EXHUME THE REMAINS FOR SEVERAL MILLION PIASTERS). IN FEBRUARY 1974, THIS REPORT WAS TENTATIVELY CORRELATED TO NAME, BUT FOLLOW-UP BY MR IV DETERMINED THE SOURCE TO BE HIGHLY UNRELIABLE. NAME NAME AND IDENTIFYING DATA WERE GIVEN TO THE COMMUNIST PRG DELEGATION OF THE FOUR PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM ON 8 AUGUST 1973 WITH A REQUEST FOR ANY

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INFORMATION. NO RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING. NAME IS CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

=== REFERENCES ===

11 November 1974

REFERENCES: <1> RPT, SERIOUS INCIDENT BLUE BELL REPORT, 091200 SEP 68. <2> , DF 2496, CO 702D MID: PRIDEMAN, 30 SEPTEMBER 1968. <3> IIR UNNUMBERED, 15 ARVN MID, 10 SEP 68. <4> IIR, 6ACX/025/69, 525MI GP, 7 JAN 69. <5> ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR CASE. <6> CJTFFA DET ONE BKK, TH 2309267 MAR 92. <7> DETAILED REPORT OF INVESTIGATION: 1274, MSG # 260513Z JUNE 92. <8> CJTFFA DET ONE BANGKOK TH 240350Z NOV 92. <9> 201405Z JAN 93 CJTFFA DET ONE BKK. <10> DETAILED REPORT OF INVESTIGATION, CASE 1274, 180739Z DEC 92. <11> CJTFFA DET ONE BK TH 020604Z AUG 93

=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

2 December 1987

A CASE FILE NARRATIVE PERTAINING TO NAME WAS MAILED TO THE CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT ON 18 MAR 87 BY THE EXEC DIR OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF FAMILIES. A CASE NARRATIVE PERTAINING TO SAME WAS PASSED BY JCRC ON 4 AUG 87 TO THE SRV EMBASSY IN BANGKOK PURSUANT TO AGREEMENTS REACHED BETWEEN GENERAL VESSEY AND SRV FOREIGN MINISTER NGUYEN CO THACH.

1 May 1989

JCRC PASSED A NARRATIVE FOLDER PERTAINING TO THIS CASE TO THE SRV DURING THE 22 - 25 MARCH 1989 TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

21 June 1989

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THIS CASE WAS PROVIDED TO THE VNOSMP DURING THE 16 - 17 MAY 1989 TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI. (REF 5)

7 December 1989

DURING THE 29 - 30 OCT 89 MEETING IN HANOI, GEN VESSEY PASSED A NARRATIVE ON THIS CASE TO VIETNAMESE FOREIGN MINISTER NGUYEN CO THACH.

THE JCRC DISCUSSED THIS CASE WITH THE VNOSMP DURING THE 27 - 29 NOVEMBER 1989 TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

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=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

8 August 1990

A CASE INVESTIGATION SUMMARY WAS PASSED TO THE VNOSMP DURING THE 10-12 JUL 90 TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

8 April 1991

DURING THE 19 - 23 MARCH 1991 TECHNICAL MEETING, THE U.S. TEAM PASSED TO THE VIETNAMESE ITS ASSESSMENT OF THE RESULTS OF THE JOINT INVESTIGATIONS ON CASE 1274.

9 March 1992

DURING THE 12-15 JAN 92 VISIT TO HAWAII, THE FOLLOWING CASE NARRATIVE WAS PASSED TO THE CAMBODIAN TECHNICAL DELEGATION: 1274.

10 April 1992

PROVIDED TO VIETNAMESE DURING 30 MARCH 1992 TECHNICAL MEETING COMMENTS ON CASES INVESTIGATED DURING THE 16TH JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY.

=== MAJOR COORDINATE CHANGE ===

6 August 1992

DIA AND JTF-FA AGREE ON THE INCIDENT LOCATION AND LAST KNOWN LOCATION; HOWEVER, FOR OPERATIONAL PURPOSES, THE JTF-FA CARRIES NAME IN CAMBODIA. BASED ON HISTORICAL PURPOSES, DIA CARRIES NAME IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

28 January 1993

DURING JFA-20 (22 OCT-18 NOV 92) A JOINT TEAM ATTEMPTED TO INVESTIGATE THIS CASE. VNOSMP OFFICIALS STATED THEY COULD FIND NO WITNESSES WITH INFORMATION PERTINENT TO THIS CASE. FURTHER, THE JOINT TEAM WAS UNABLE TO OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION THAT COULD BE CORRELATED TO THIS CASE. (REF 8)

11 February 1993

DURING JFA 21, FROM 01 JAN TO 28 JAN 1993, A JOINT U.S./SRV TEAM INVESTIGATED PRIORITY CASE 1274. THE TEAM TRAVELLED TO THE HAMLET NEAR THE INCIDENT SITE AND INTERVIEWED THREE WITNESSES WHO PROVIDED LITTLE OR NO INFORMATION ON THIS INCIDENT. THE VIETNAMESE WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL WITNESSES OR RECORDS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE. JOINT

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INVESTIGATION HAS EXHAUSTED THE LIST OF KNOWN POTENTIAL WITNESSES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE WITNESS WHO MAY BE LOCATED IN THE UNITED STATES. (REF 9)

1 April 1993

ON 10 DECEMBER 1992, A JOINT U.S./CAMBODIAN INVESTIGATION/RECOVERY TEAM (IRT) INVESTIGATED THIS CASE IN THE VILLAGES OF PRASOT (GRID COORDINATE WT980213), CHIPHU (XT108201), AND BAVET (XT244229). THROUGHOUT THE INVESTIGATION, THE VILLAGERS INTERVIEWED DURING THIS JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY AND THE 92-4/C JFA HAD NO INFORMATION TO SUPPORT PRIDEMORE HAVING EVER BEEN IN THIS AREA OF CAMBODIA. SOME OF THE ELDER VILLAGERS WERE HESITANT IN ANSWERING QUESTIONS CONCERNING THEIR PAST. OTHER VILLAGERS WHO HAD BEEN RANDOMLY INTERVIEWED BY THE TEAM WERE VERY HELPFUL IN PROVIDING THE TEAM WITH SINCERE ANSWERS. THE TEAM CONDUCTED AN EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION OF THE AREA WITHOUT RESTRAINT FROM LOCAL OR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. SOME OF THE VILLAGERS INDICATED THEY WERE NOT ALLOWED TO GO ANYWHERE NEAR THE VC CAMPS NOR WERE THEY ALLOWED TO TRAVEL ALONG ROUTE 1, A MAJOR LINE OF COMMUNICATIONS FROM CAMBODIA TO VIETNAM. THE TEAM DID NOT ACQUIRE ANY INFORMATION IN REFERENCE TO LOCATING PRIDEMORE WITHIN CAMBODIA. RECOMMEND NO FURTHER FIELD ACTIVITY IN CAMBODIA UNLESS NEW INFORMATION OR WITNESSES BECOME AVAILABLE. (REF 10)

31 July 1992

THREE OF THE FIVE VILLAGES IN VICINITY OF ALLEGED VIET CONG (POW) BASE CAMP (WHERE PRIDEMORE WAS PURPORTED TO HAVE BEEN HELD) NO LONGER EXISTS. VILLAGERS FROM TWO OF THE VILLAGES IN THE AREA HAD NO INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE CASE; HOWEVER, SOME VILLAGERS PROVIDED HEARSAY INFORMATION PERTAINING TO AN ALLEGED VIET CONG BASE CAMP, COORD XT7102770, AND THE DEATH OF A FRENCH MAN WHO WAS HELD AT THE CAMP (DATE UNKNOWN, INFORMATION MAY REFER TO OTHER REFNOs), OTHER VILLAGERS PROVIDED HEARSAY REPORTS ABOUT POWS BEING TRANSFERRED ALONG AN AREA NEAR THE CAMBODIA/VIETNAM BORDER, COORD XT24552300. NONE OF THE VILLAGERS INTERVIEWED HAD ANY INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE CASE. (REF 7)

7 August 1993

BETWEEN 13 AND 20 JULY 93, THE PCIT INVESTIGATED CASE 1274 IN HO CHI MINH CITY. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED THREE INDIVIDUALS THERE, ONLY ONE OF WHOM PROVIDED INFORMATION POSSIBLY RELATING TO THE CASE. THIS WITNESS, A FORMER B-2 FRONT ENEMY PROSELYTING OFFICER, RECOUNTED HOW, AROUND THE TIME OF THE 1968 TET OFFENSIVE, THU DUC DISTRICT, SAIGON, LOCAL FORCES CAPTURED A CAUCASIAN MALE CLAIMING TO BE AN AUSTRALIAN. THE WITNESS INTERROGATED THE PRISONER BRIEFLY, THEN RELEGATED HIM TO HIGHER HEADQUARTERS FOR INCARCERATION IN THE REAR AREA. IN ADDITION TO THE THREE WITNESSES IN HO CHI MINH CITY, THE PCIT INTERVIEWED ON 21 JUNE 93 A WITNESS IN SONG BE PROVINCE WHO WAS A REQUESTED SOURCE FOR CASE 1274; HE FAILED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION RELATING TO THE CASE. ON 12 MAY 93, THE DET 2, JTF-FA, ORAL HISTORY TEAM INTERVIEWED A REQUESTED SOURCE FOR CASE 1274 IN HANOI; THIS

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SOURCE ALSO FAILED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION RELATING TO THE CASE. DURING THE COURSE OF THIS INVESTIGATION, THE PCIT WAS UNABLE TO LOCATE DOCUMENTS OR ARCHIVAL MATERIAL RELATING TO THIS CASE. (REF 11)

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BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 2 NOVEMBER 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1275-1-01 (ACCNO 1164) Status: (K) REMAINS RECOVERED  
Name: VAN DYKE, RICHARD HAVEN Date Status assigned: 20 Jul 1981

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	DATA
Service	AIR FORCE	Sex	MALE	Blood type	O +
Grade	O2	Hair	BLOND	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN		Eyes	BROWN	Weapon	.38 CAL PISTOL
Serial No	DATA	Height	74 in / 1.88 mtrs	Weapon No	K575672
Birth date		Weight	210 lb / 95.1 kg	Duty pos	PILOT
Home State	UTAH	Religion	OTHER	PW Camp	HANOI PW DETE

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

	INCIDENT LOCATION (0)	LAST KNOWN LOCATION (1)
Site Type:	CRASH SITE	RESOLVED SITE
UTM:	48QXE750650	48QXE730320
Lat/Long:	174601N / 1063903E	172808N / 1063746E
Country:	NORTH VIETNAM	
Military Region:	4	
Mission Province:	QUANG BINH	
(formerly):		
Mission District:	BO TRACH	
Mission Date:	11 Sep 1968	
Mission Category:	2	\$
Local Analysis:	None.	Populated area.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Remains Repatriated: YES  
Vessey Case: NO  
Case type: DISCREPANCY  
Survivability: (1) Out of the aircraft at the time of the crash

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type:	F4D	Serial:	8752
Crash Type:	Enemy action	Engine Type:	J7915
Call Sign:	STORMY 01	1 Serial:	439204
Year:	66	2 Serial:	420673

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